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SUBJECT: UK/ICELAND FISHERIES DISPUTE: SISCO MEETS WITH
SOMMERFELT

1. AMBASSADOR SOMMERFELT SAW UNDER SECRETARY SISCO FEBRU-
ARY 27 ABOUT THE UK/ICELAND FISHERIES DISPUTE. HE HOPED
THAT AT LEAST FOREIGN MINISTER AGUSTSSON WOULD BE ABLE TO
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ATTEND THE NORDIC COUNCIL SESSION DURING THE WEEKEND. HE

INDICATED THAT THE NORWEGIAN COMPENSATION SCHEME WAS AN ATTEMPT TO KEEP THE "BALL ROLLING." HE EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN THAT CNELAND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH ANY PROPOSALS FOR A FINAL SOLUTION, AND THAT THE ONLY BASIS FOR A SETTLEMENT WOULD BE BRITISH WITHDRAWAL ON MOST POINTS. ICELAND, HE THOUGHT, WOULD ULTIMATELY HAVE TO ACCEPT SOME KIND OF CATCH SOTA FOR THE BRITISH. HE ASKED WHAT THE US WAS DOING ABOUT THE SITUATION AND ASKED SPECIFICALLY IF THE US WAS PUTTING PRESSURE ON THE BRITISH.

2. THE UNDER SECRETARY EXPRESSED USG APPRECIATION FOR THE NORWEGIAN INITIATIVE AND THE HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL. HE NOTED THAT THE USG HAD BEEN VERY CLOSELY IN TOUCH WITH THE SITUATION AND CITED CONSTANT US

INTERVENTIONS TO TRY TO ENCOURAGE BOTH SIDES TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. HE INDICATED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD PROBABLY FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO SHARE IN THE FUNDING OF THE NORWEGIAN PLAN, BUT HE MADE CLEAR THAT THIS IN NO WAY IMPLIED THAT THE US DID NOT WELCOME THE NORWEGIAN INITIATIVE OR THAT IT WAS NOT VERY DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION AND ITS POTENTIAL EFFECTS ON NATO AND THE BASE FACILITIES IN ICELAND. CNOERSOLL

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